

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 14-21, 23-28 and 30 are rejected. Claims 9 and 31-35 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 is objected to for allegedly containing informalities. Claims 22-29 have been withdrawn.

As indicated above, claims 1-8, 10-30 are canceled. In addition, new claim 36 is added. Thus, upon entry of the amendment Claims 9 and 31-36 will be all the claims pending in the application.

In the claim amendments, claims 31, 33 and 35 have each been rewritten in independent form to recite the limitations of the base claim from which originally depended. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to recite the limitations of claim 7. In addition, we amended claim 34 has been amended to remove an extraneous colon.

Support for claim 36 can be found in original claims 7, 8 and 9.

In view of the cancellation of claim 5, Applicant submit that the objection to claim 5 is moot.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-8, 10-21 and 30, Applicants submit that the rejections thereof are also moot.

Turning to the objections of claims 9 and 31-35, Applicants submit that the objections to these claims should be withdrawn in view of claims 9, 31, 33 and 35 being rewritten in independent form.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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